



## Work Zone Safety

The biggest danger highway workers face is drivers who travel recklessly through work zones by speeding, not paying attention or driving impaired.

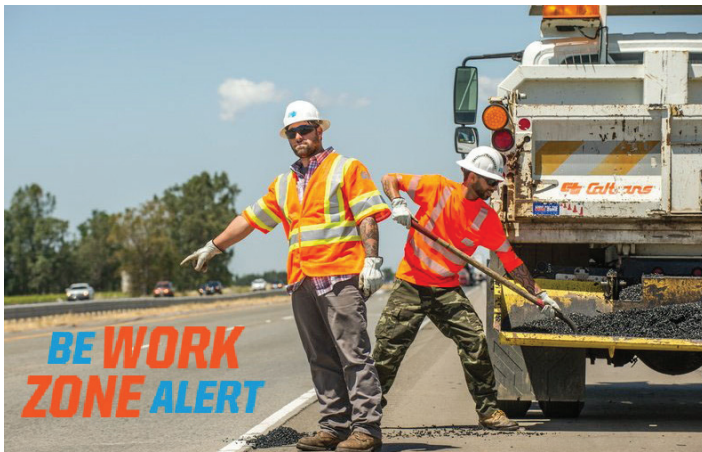
Highway workers put their lives at risk each day helping keep Californians safe and moving on our roadways, but face increasing dangers from errant drivers.

In 2017, 46 people were killed and more than 3,000 injured from crashes that happened in construction zones. Since 1921, 189 California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) workers have been killed on the job.

Police officers, first responders, tow truck drivers and other emergency personnel also face the same dangers performing their job close to traffic.

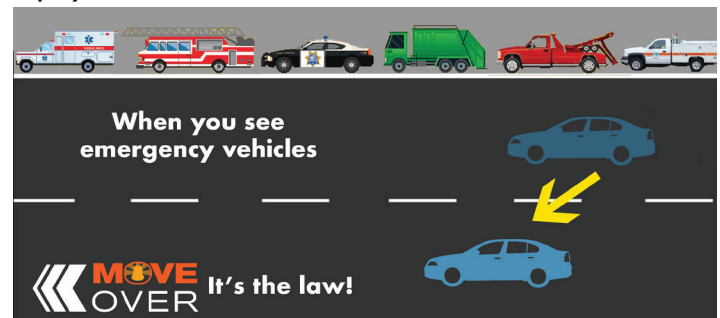
According to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), there was a work zone crash every 5 minutes across the United States in 2015.

Drivers can do their part to make sure maintenance and construction workers on highways are able to go home to their families every night by slowing down and being extra aware of their presence.











## Move Over Law

California's Move Over Law went into effect in 2007 and requires drivers approaching Caltrans vehicles, tow trucks or emergency vehicles displaying emergency or warning lights to move over a lane, if safe to do so. If a driver is unable to move over safely, they are required to slow down and approach with caution. Allowing enough space for workers helps prevent crashes that can cause serious injury or death.



## Traveling through Work Zones

-  Slow down and follow the speed limit.
-  Look out for workers and their equipment, especially at night.
-  Anticipate lane shifts and merge when told to do so.
-  Never drive impaired.
-  Avoid distractions like cell phones.
-  Stay alert. Pay attention to other drivers.
-  Obey road crews and signs.
-  Be patient. Expect delays, particularly if work is done during peak travel times.